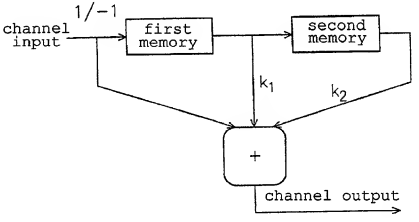

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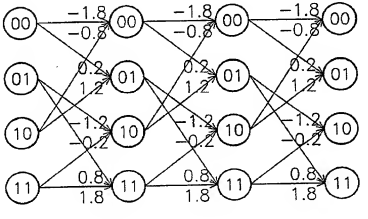

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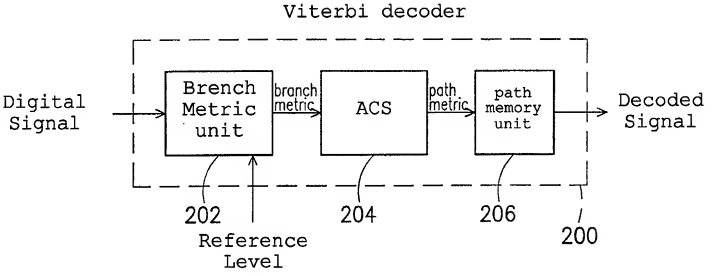

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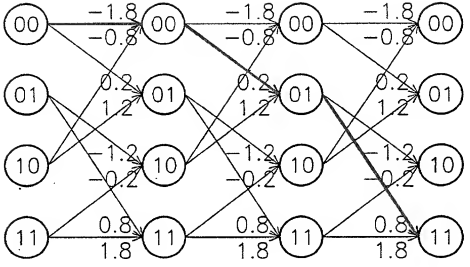

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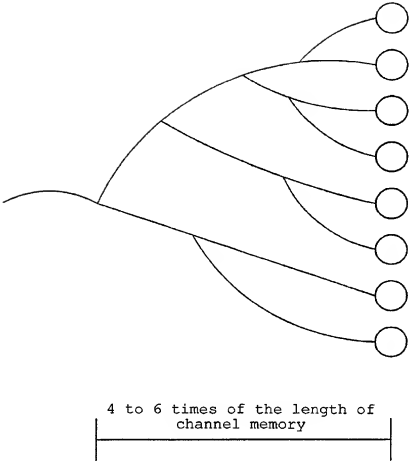

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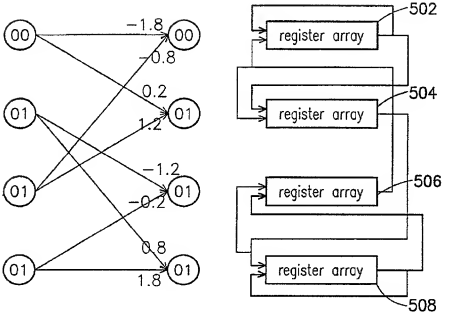

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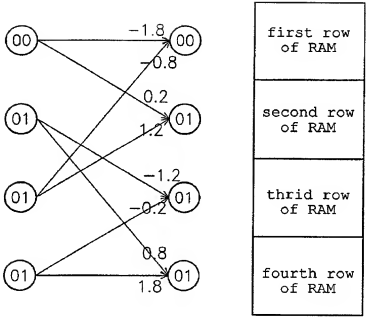

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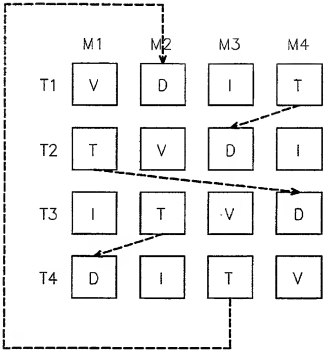

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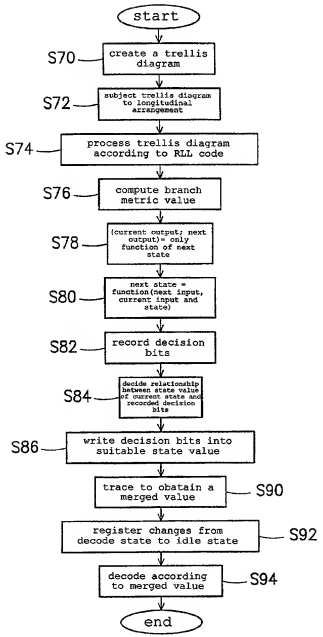
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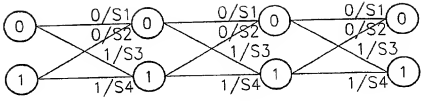
create a trellis diagram
S72
subject trellis diagram to longitudinal arrangement
S74
process trellis diagram according to RLL code
S76
compute branch metric value
S78
(current output, next output)= only function of next state
S80
next state = function(next input, current input and state)
S82
record decision bits
S84
decide relationship between state value of current state and recorded decision bits
S86
write decision bits into suitable state value
trace to obtain a merged value
S90
register changes from decode state to idle state
S92
decode according to merged value
S94
end

FIG. 8



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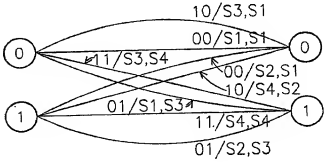

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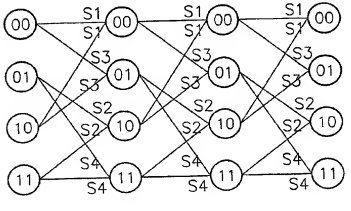
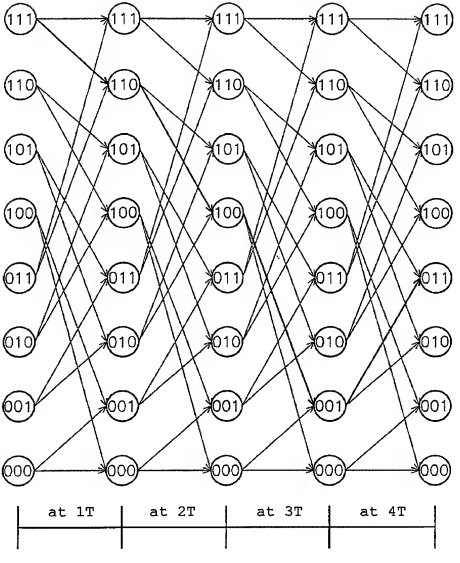


FIG. 9C



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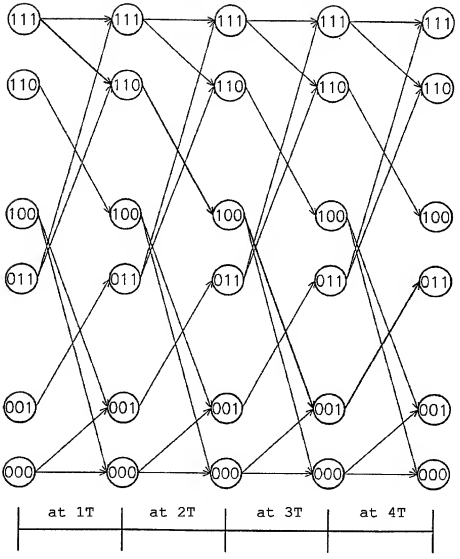

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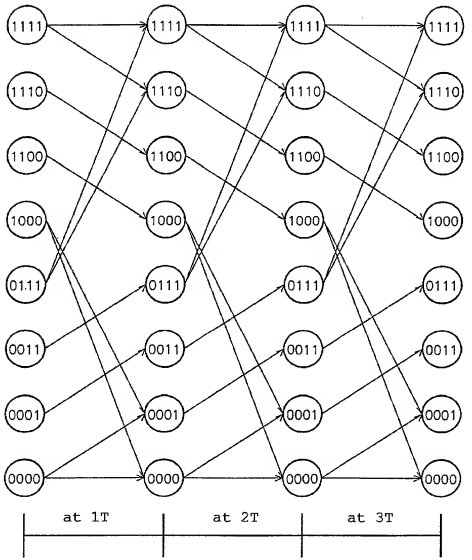
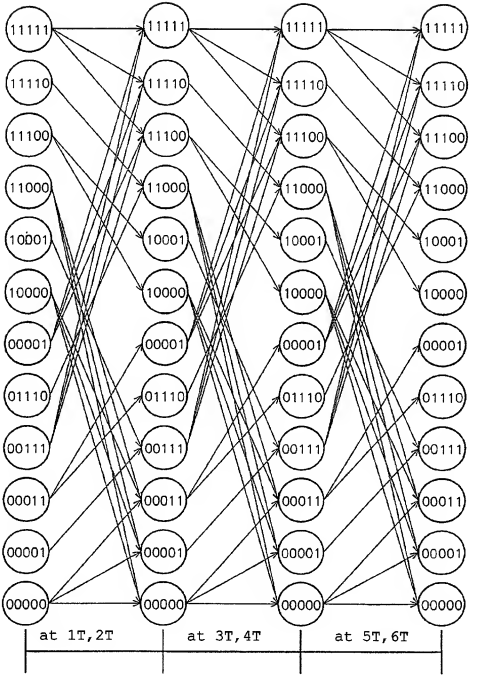


FIG. 12



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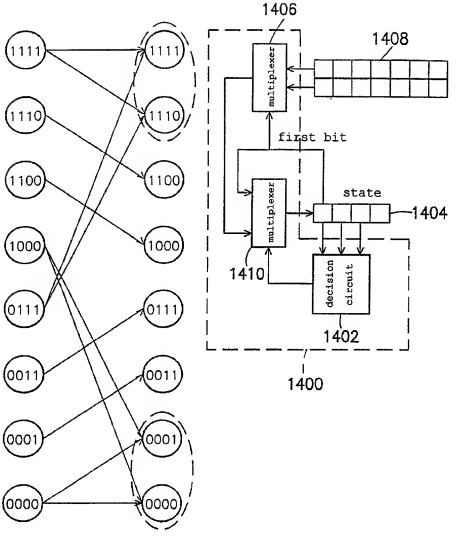
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decision circuit
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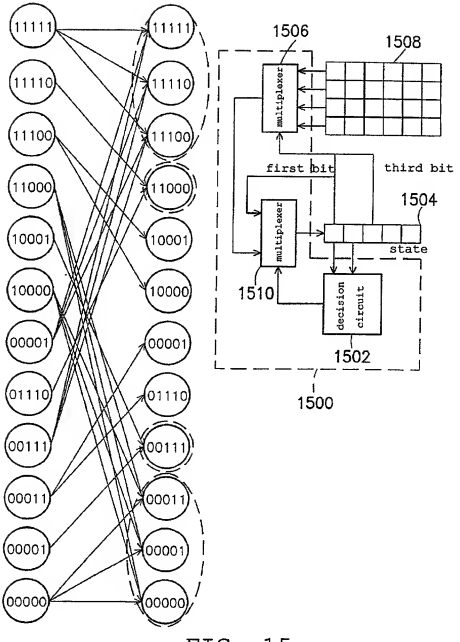
1400

FIG. 14



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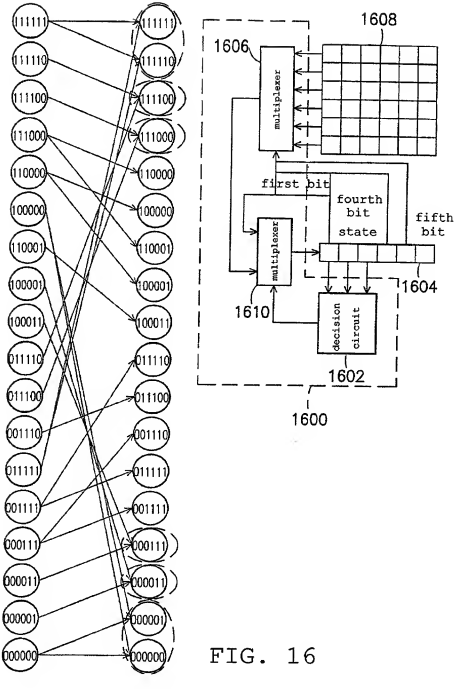
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000001
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state
fifth bit
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1604
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decision circuit
1602
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FIG. 16

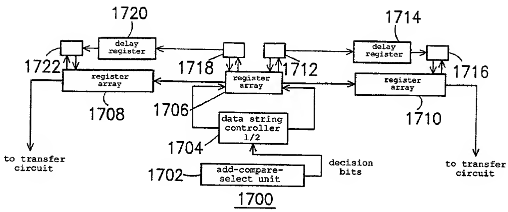
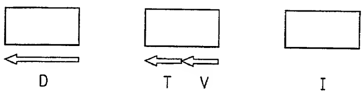


FIG. 17A



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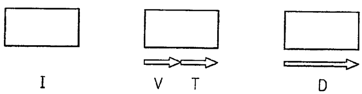

FIG. 17C

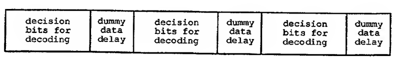

FIG. 17D